

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of restricting access to data broadcast in a digital broadcast system, said method comprising:

assigning a plurality of sets of access rights to the data, each set of access rights being assigned to at least one party;

storing the sets of access rights and identifiers for the parties within the data;

transmitting the data to at least one receiver/decoder; and

at a the receiver/decoder having a memory, downloading and storing the transmitted data in the memory of the receiver/decoder;

comparing the identifier of a party requesting access to the data with the identifiers stored in the memory; and

providing the party with the set of access rights assigned thereto in the memory of the receiver/decoder.

6. (Currently Amended) A The method according to Claim 5, wherein the data is transmitted in a digital datastream.

7.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An ~~A~~ apparatus for restricting access to data stored in a

memory of a receiver/decoder, the data having a plurality of sets of access rights being assigned thereto ~~the data~~, each set of access rights being assigned to at least one party, and an identifier for each party being stored in the receiver/decoder, the apparatus comprising:

means for comparing the identifier of a party requesting access to the data with the identifiers stored in the memory; and

means for providing the party with the set of access rights assigned thereto in the memory of the receiver/decoder.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The receiver/decoder comprising a memory for storing data, a plurality of sets of access rights assigned to the data and an identifier for each party, and apparatus for restricting access to the data as claimed in ~~C~~claim 17.

19. (Original) A transmission system, comprising:
means for assigning a plurality of sets of access rights to the data, each of the access rights being assigned to at least one party;
means for storing the access rights and identifiers for the parties within the data;
and
means for transmitting a bitstream including said data.

20.-53. (Canceled)

54. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 5, in which a further set

of access rights is assigned to at least one party whose identifier is not stored in the memory of the receiver/decoder, such a party requesting access to the data being provided with the further set of access rights.

55. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 5, wherein a particular set of access rights is assigned to one party only, preferably the author of the data.

56. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 5, wherein a particular set of access rights is assigned to a group of parties, identifiers for each of the members of the group being stored in the memory of the receiver/decoder.

57. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 5, wherein a set of access rights is used to determine whether a party is prohibited from reading the data.

58. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 5, wherein a set of access rights is used to determine whether a party is prohibited from overwriting the data.

59. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 5, wherein the data is stored as files and directories in the memory of the receiver/decoder.

60. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 5, wherein the data is stored in a Flash memory volume of the receiver/decoder.

61.-65. (Canceled)